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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: ASEC, SREF, UR, US (MITROKHINA, YELENA ALEKSANDROVNA)

SUBJECT:DEFECTION OF SOVIET EMBASSY WIFE

REF: STATE 197176

1. SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICERS KAVALEROV AND MAL'NEV
PHONED REPEATEDLY AUG 4 FOLLOWING UP ON REQUEST FOR SOVIET
EMBASSY MEETING WITH MITROKHINA. MAL'NEV ARGUED THAT DE-
PARTMENT WAS OBLIGATED TO ARRANGE MEETING UNDER CONSULAR
CONVENTION. HE CLAIMED HER HUSBAND HAD TOLD THE SOVIET
EMBASSY HE HAD SEEN HIS WIFE ON AUGUST 2 WITH AN "ESCORT"
OF SIX PERSONS, AND MAL'NEV ARGUED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD
TO ARRANGE A MEETING IMMEDIATELY UNDER THE TIME LIMIT IM-
POSED BY THE CONSULAR CONVENTION, I.E., ARTICLE 2 OF THE
PROTOCOL. DEPTOFFS REPLIED THAT SHE IS NOT UNDER ARREST OR
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DETENTION AND CONSULAR CONVENTION IS NOT APPLICABLE.

2. LATE AUG 4 DEPTOFF INFORMED MAL'NEV THAT DEPARTMENT
WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM EARLY MONDAY MORNING, AUG 7, ABOUT
EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING, BUT DEPTOFF DID NOT MAKE
ANY COMMITMENTS.

3. FYI WE NOW PLAN TO INFORM SOVIET EMBASSY, MONDAY, AUG 7,
THAT WE ARE SCHEDULING MEETING FOR TUESDAY, AUG 8. CHRISTOPHER

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